(24) A copy of the Notification No. F.No. 9-3/2001/NCTE (Hindi and English versions) published in Gazette of India dated the 31st October, 2001 containing Corrigendum to the National Council for Teacher Education (Norms and Standards for recognition of Teacher Education Programme) Regulations, 2001 issued under the National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993.

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12.02 hrs.

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Ninth Report

PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU (Tenali): I beg to present the Ninth Report (Hindi and English versions) of Estimates Committee on the Ministry of Shipping — 'Expansion and Modernisation of Ports with special reference to Mormugao Port Trust'.

[English]

12.02 1/4 hrs.

COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES

Study Tour Reports

SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA (Dhandhuka): I beg to lay on the Table two Study Tour Reports (Hindi and English versions) of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

[Translation]

12.02 1/2 hrs.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st and 122nd Reports

SHRI BALIRAM KASHYAP (Bastar): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (Hindi and English versions) of the Hundred-sixteenth, Hundred-seventeeth, Hundred-eighteenth, Hundred-nineteenth, Hundred-twentieth, Hundred-twenty first and Hundred-twenty second Reports of the Standing Committee on Human Resource Development on Demands for Grants (2002-2003) of the Departments of Health, Family Welfare, Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy, Elementary Education and Literacy, Secondary Education and Higher Education, Women and Child Development and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, respectively.

12.02 3/4 hrs.

[Translation]

PRESENTATION OF PETITION

SHRI KIRIT SOMAIYA (Mumbai North East): Sir, I beg to present a petition signed by Sarvashri Tara Singh, MLA and Prakash Gangadhare of Mumbai regarding hurdles in completion of composite cemetery in Mulund East, Mumbai.

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[Translation]

12.03 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377*

(i) Need for construction of a bridge on river Gandak between Tamkuhiraj (U.P.) and Pakhanaha Bazar (Bihar)

DR. M.P. JAISWAL (Bettiah): There has been a popular demand for construction of a bridge over the Gandak river between Tamkuhi Raj (UP) and Pakhanaha Bazar (Bihar) connecting Uttar Pradesh and Bihar for the last several years. Neither Bihar nor Uttar Pradesh is constructing this bridge resulting in a lot of inconvenience to the people. This will reduce the distance between Bettiah and Tamkuhi by 200 Km. which will save peoples journey time and will help make available easy means of transport. This place is important from various angles as Ashoka's pillars, epitom of non violence, exist there and remains of Nandvansh are also scattered from Kushinagar to Laurie which are very important from cultural and tourism point of view. This route also connects Bodh circuit and Balmiki Nagar.

I, through the House, request that keeping in view the people's convenience and importance of this place, a

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bridge should be constructed between Tamkuhi Raj and Pakhanaha Bazar by the Union Government.

(ii) Need to open more computerised reservation counters at Bharuch railway station, Gujarat

SHRI MANSUKHBHAI D. VASAVA (Bharuch): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, My Parliamentary Constituency has got the Asia's largest G.I.D.C. area where several industrial establishments are located. People of several states also reside here who have to queue up for railways tickets for going to their provinces for hour together. There are only two reservation windows for computerised railway reservation at Bharuch and, therefore, there is need for additional reservation counter at a suitable place in Bharuch city so that people's time is not wasted.

I, through the House request the Government to set up a computerised reservation centre to Bharuch city.

(iii) Need for early completion of construction work of Pench Irrigation Project in Madhya Pradesh

SHRI RAM NARESH TRIPATHEE (Seoni): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Pench project was constructed over Pench river in Madhya Pradesh for power generation and irrigation and around 65,000 hectares of land in Sivani and Chhindwara districts was to be irrigated and some power was also to be generated. About Rs. 5 crores have already been spent on this project. The work on this project was halted midway saying it was detrimental to the environment owing to which this project is lying incomplete. With the completion of this project, the poor and small farmers of tribal dominated Sivani and Chindwara districts will get the irrigation facility and it will also add to the water catchment area which in turn will result in rise in water lable which has fallen quite low in these districts. Power starved Madhya Pradesh will also have some additional power.

I would request the hon. Minister of Water Resources to provide adequate funds for the completion of this project in public interest after removing all hindrances coming in its execution.

(iv) Need to set up a museum on the life of Buddha at Piprahwa in Domariaganj Parliamentary Constituency, U.P. and connect it by air

SHRI RAMPAL SINGH (Domariaganj): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, my Parliamentary Constituency Domariaganj in Siddharthnagar district of Uttar Pradesh has a very important Buddhist pilgrim place Kapilvastu Piprahwa. The stone laying ceremony was performed here this year for construction of a grand statue of Mahatma Buddha. Hundreds of followers of Buddha come here for darshan. The archaeological department found an arch of Buddhism during excavation at this place which were brought to Delhi as there is no museum there. I had requested the H.R.D. Minister for construction of a museum there and was stated that the Archaeological Survey of India proposed to construct a museum in Piprahwa in the 10th Five Year Plan. A decision has already been taken in this regard in the meeting of Chief Secretary (Tourism and Culture) and Secretary (Culture) U.P. Govt. as was conveyed by the hon'ble Tourism minister vide letter no. F-27-14/2000 M-1.

I request the Government that a museum should be constructed there and the articles found there should also be displayed so that the pilgrims coming over there understand the importance of this place and the place could be linked by air.

(v) Need to solve acute drinking water problem in Alwar district of Rajasthan

DR. JASWANT SINGH YADAV (Alwar): Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, people and farmers of Alwar district in Rajasthan are facing a lot of difficulties owing to acute scarcity of drinking water in this area. Alwar district has already been declared 'Dark Zone'. The water Level here has fallen drastically. Wells and ponds are drying up casting lethal impact on trees and live stock. If Alwar is not linked by Yamuna water then the problem of drinking water will become severe and the time is not for off when water will not be available for drinking and irrigation purpose. Therefore, I request the Government that keeping in view the severe problem of drinking water, necessary effective steps should be taken and Alwar be immediately, linked with Yamuna water in order to resolve the water problem of this area.

[English]

(vi) Need to bring East Coast Railway Zone, Bhubaneswar at par with other Railway Zones and make it fully operational

SHRI ANANTA NAYAK (Keonjhar): The people of Orissa are very much agitated due to the inordinate delay in making the East Coast Railway Zone fully operational. As the General Manager of this newly created Zone does not have adequate financial and administrative power, the small matters related to various proposals are referred to the Railway Board which cause inordinate delay. Even